



December 12, 2021  
Third Sunday of Advent

**We Prepare for Worship**

Praise Band

Organ Prelude

Silent reflection:

*In the night His song will be within me, a prayer to God in my life. Ps. 42:8*

Welcome and Community Life News

**We Worship God**

The Call to Worship

Eric Gault

L: The Lord, your God, is in your midst.

**P: Let us sing out loud and shout our praises!**

L: God rejoices over you with gladness and renews you with love.

**P: We will rejoice with all our hearts at what the Lord has done!**

L: With joy, draw water from the well of salvation in this time of worship.

**P: God is our salvation; we will trust and have no fear.**

L: Let us worship God.

\*Opening Hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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Advent Candle liturgy **PWS&D Advent 3 Insert**

Eric Gault

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

The Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Praise Time *Christmas Offering*

*Please see insert*

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Clare Mezes

Scripture reading Luke 1:39-55

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L: The word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Something to Sing About*

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

Solo anthem *Tell out, My soul*

Gordon Brown

**We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Tithes and Gifts will be brought forward

\*Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn *Go tell it on the mountain*

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**We are Sent out as God's People**

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Sung Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Organ Postlude

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*\*If you are able, please stand*

*Welcome*

We welcome everyone here today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life.

**About our Guest Organist**

Gordon Brown is an Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Piano and received his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto. Gordon is a piano and vocal instructor and had been organist and choir master of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lindsay, ON.

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a gift you can share with your church?  
TPC is in need of individuals who can offer assistance in ushering and greeting, offering counters, readers, participants in Sunday worship services and committee membership.

### COVID Restrictions and Mandates

Due to Covid restrictions, **we ask that masks be worn at all times.**

Singing is permitted in a speaking volume.

### Building Use During COVID

Due to COVID requirements mandated by the provincial government, Polka Dot Preschool must fully sanitize the washrooms and classrooms each day prior to start of operations. The daycare facilities are fully sanitized on Friday evening in preparation for Monday. Please do not use the washrooms or any other rooms in the daycare area on Sunday so that we do not compromise the cleanliness. This will really help the daycare maintain a safe space for their children.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

Board of Managers



### The 2022 Presbyterian Wall calendars

are now here and can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

*Proceeds of sales will go towards stewardship initiatives at TPC.*

If you would like one please speak with your Administrator Nadine or Rev. Heather.

## THORNHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Custodian: Kirk McLeod

## Weekly Offerings and Gifts

To continue to support the church through your regular offerings during this pandemic there are several options available to do so.

**Offerings can be mailed** (address below) or dropped off at the church mail slot in the old wooden doors to the right of the entryway any time.

**You may also donate** on-line at Canada Helps through our web site at [www.tpchurch.net](http://www.tpchurch.net) or directly to Canada Helps.Org at

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/thornhill-presbyterian-church/>

**Pre-Authorized Debit (PAR)** If you are interested in joining the PAR program contact Nadine at the church.

## Thank you for your support!

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## The Mitten Tree is up in the Foyer for Donations



Water resistant/wind resistant/lined - gloves, mitts, scarves & hats are the most needed items. Donations will be delivered to Evangel Hall. Let's help keep our brothers and sisters warm and dry this winter by placing a gift on the Mitten Tree.

### PWS&D Gifts of Change

Do you have someone on your Christmas list for whom it is impossible to buy a gift? Why not consider buying a PWS&D Gift of Change in their honour? A copy of the 2021-22 catalogue can be viewed in the foyer or shop online at [presbyterian.ca/giftsofchange](http://presbyterian.ca/giftsofchange).

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
MAX LUCADO



## Thornhill Presbyterian Church invites you to attend our virtual Advent Study series:

### ***Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here***

by Max Lucado

Wednesday December 15 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

No preparation is required.

**See the worship email for the Link**



## Evangel Hall Christmas Dinner



On Sunday, December 19th, the youth group will be going to Evangel Hall in downtown Toronto to serve their annual Christmas meal. Our church has always been a big supporter of Evangel Hall, as we even sent food last year, at the height of the pandemic. This year, there will be modified serving of the meal due to safety precautions. But the need is still there, and we will once again serve those in dire situations.

We will look for your support again this year with contributions of cooked turkeys, hams, potatoes, buns, vegetables and pies, or financial contributions towards this endeavour. There will be further announcements and updates during services in December to accept your pledges for this very worthwhile cause.

Abel Pandy ([abelpandy@rogers.com](mailto:abelpandy@rogers.com))



### **Greeter, Usher and Registrar Volunteers Needed!**

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and greet people from our amazing congregation!

TPC needs volunteers every Sunday to greet, usher and register congregants.

If you are interested in joining our dynamic volunteer team, please contact Doug Miron [doug.miron@outlook.com](mailto:doug.miron@outlook.com) to schedule your orientation.



## Bible Time with Rev. Heather!

Hey Kids and Parents!

Our next Bible Time will be  
Sunday December 12 @ 6:45

We will share a link so you can hear  
a great story with great pictures  
all about Christmas!

*NOTE: Bible Time with Rev. Heather  
will not be held on the 19<sup>th</sup>  
because Rev. Heather will be with TPC team  
preparing the Evangel Hall dinner.*



## Praise Time Christmas Offering



Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star  
While angels sang to lowly shepherds  
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar  
Hoping to find the child from Heaven  
Falling on their knees  
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace

*I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honour that You're due  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You  
I bring an offering to You*

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love  
There is no shadow in Your presence  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne  
Before the Holy One of Heaven  
It's only by Your blood, it's only through Your mercy  
Lord I come

*I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honour that You're due  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You (REPEAT CHORUS)  
Oh Lord I bring and offering to You*

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## Hymns

### Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

#### Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.

Oh come, oh come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Oh come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and cause us in her ways to go.

Oh come, thou Branch of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Oh come, thou Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high  
and close the path to misery.

## Hymns

### Go, tell it on the mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled,  
when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth!

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.